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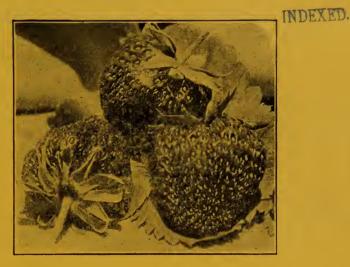
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We unhesitatingly recommend Mr. John W. Hall as an experienced Nurseryman, perfe ϵ lyreliable, and we believe any stock purchased of him will be found as represented and true to name. Our business relations with him have been entirely satisfactory through the many years he has been dealing with us. We believe him to be an honorable man in all his dealings. We take great pleasure in recommending him to anyone desiring to purchase Seeds, Plants or Fcultry. ADEN DAVIS, Jr., Cashier. Very respectfully yours,

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To Whom It May Concern:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That on the 3d day of Sept. 1915, we examined the Nursery Stock of John W. Hall growing in his nurseries at Marion Station County of Somerset, State of Maryland, in accordance with the law of Maryland 1898, Chapter 289, Section 58, and that said nurseries and premises are apparently free, so for as can be determined by inspection, from the San Jose Scale, Peach yellows, Pear Blight and other dangerously injurious insect pests and plant diseases and plant diseases.

This Certificate is invalid after August 1st, 1916, and does not include nursery stock not grown within this State, unless such stock is previously covered by certificate and accepted by the State Entomologist and State Pathologist.

Thos. B. Symons, State Entomologist College Park, Md., Sept. 13, 1915.

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O DO A continuous and a successful business for 36 years is indeed, a record in which we take pride. Doing as we wish to be done by is the foundation of our success, which has been illuminated by the kind words and continued patronage of hundreds of pleased customers with a feeling that comes to us at the expiration of our Thirty-sixth year, after selling stock of the Highest Grade. Then, comes a desire to thank each and evvry one of my many customers, personally for their patronage, which has enabled us to achieve our present success.

This 1916 catalog will reach many persons that have never received our catalog before. If you wish to favor us with your order we will assure you that you will not be disappointed.

We solicit your order confident that we will furnish stock that will be handled and packed in best possible manner, and to reach their destination in good condition and to be true to name.

I handle but one grade of **Seeds, Plants and Poultry,** the best and highest in quality. The best is the cheapest.

I wish every reader of this catalog a Happy and Prosperous 1916.

I remain, Yours for Very Best Wishes,

JOHN. W. HALL, Marion Station, Md. MATTER STATES

Read Carefully Before Ordering.

Terms, Etc. Payments in advance. In ordering please be sure to write name and address plainly, postoffice, county, express office, and state by what method or route you prefer having goods shipped.

Examine Carefully. Upon receipt of goods report at once should there be any cause for complaint, and we will promptly correct the error.

Order Early. Please send in orders early—the earlier the better.

Substitutes. In case I should be out of any variety ordered, patrons should state whether or not I can substitute other varieties just as good, in place of those ordered. When no instructions accompany order, I shall feel at liberty to substitute other varieties as nearly similar as possible, to have equal or greater value. When parties are unknown to me, orders should be accompanied by one-fourth cash, balance when you want stock shipped. Of course, in all cases I shall do my best to please.

Our shipping Season. We can get stock out in good time for Southern trade during the mild weather in winter; at any time as late as the 10th of May for Northern customers.

By Express or Freight means that we deliver the stock to express or rail-road here, and the purchaser pays all the transportation charges on receipt of goods. No charge for packages. If there is no freight agent at your station, all of the charges must be prepaid before shipment. Therefore cash should be sent with the order to cover these charges.

When to Order. To make sure of getting just what you want, just as soon as you get this catalog, read it carefully, then make out your order while it is fresh on your mind and send it to me. Stock will then be reserved for you and shipped when directed. Orders acknowledged when received and forwarded as soon as weather permits. If I can not fill your order, I will return your money promptly.

Express Rates. Plants and seeds are now taken by express companies at a reduction averaging abous 20% from regular rates for merchandise. A certificate of inspection will be attached to every shipment.

How Best to Remit. By registered letter, bank draft, check to my order, postoffice money order, on Marion Station, Md., express money order or by postage stamps taken for fractional parts of a dollar, one and two cent ones preferred.

We Guarantee that all seeds, plants or other goods shall reach our customers safely and in good condition. All plants and seeds to be true to name. I will replace, free of charge any plants found otherwise, but in no case will I be responsible for damages beyond the first cost of plants. Millions of choice plants that will grow.



SECOND-CROP SEED POTATOES

Those of my customers that have tried them know their value for seed, over ONE crop seed.

I am sorry to report that my stock for seed is limited, owing to the extreme drouth during the growing season, which makes the seed smaller than usual. They are fine and make choice seed for a good crop to market. Instead of making two sizes as has been my former custom, I shall only make one size, and nothing will be put in for seed that will not do to cut. This seed will go much further for planting, and one barrel will go as for as two of one-crop seed.

Irish Cobbler. One of the first varieties of Potatoes to be ready for market, and therefore will command a good price. The skin is creamy-white, sometimes netted, which is an indication of good quality; eyes are strong, well developed, and but slightly indented. The flesh is white and of fine flavor.

Peck, 70 cts.; bu., \$2.00; bbl. sack, \$5.00.

Intermediate and Late Varieties

Green Mountain. A large, handsome, flat, oval shape; white. One of the finest table potatoes grown. Peck, 50 cts.; bu., \$1.50; bbl. sacks, \$4.25.

White Star. Medium early, fine quality and an excellent keeper. Peck, 50 cts.; bu., \$1.50; bbl. sacks, \$4.25.

Hoosier. Late and unexcelled for a large crop. It will produce larger crops on thin land than any other variety, with fewer small ones. Peck, 50 cts.; bu., \$1.50; bbl. sacks, \$4.25.

The Kind of Strawberry Plants it Pays to Grow

2,000,000 HIGH=GRADE PLANTS FOR SALE

O BE SUCCESSFUL in growing strawberries as a money maker, you should have plants that are true to name. Thousands of dollars are lost annually along this line. Our plant beds are set for digging, the different varieties are set in blocks of several rows each to avoid getting plants mixed. In going over our plant beds frequently when growing and if by chance there should be a mixed one, we can detect it at a glance and it is removed at once. Our plants are true to label. We never have a complaint of any proving otherwise. See Guarantee.

Our wonderful success has been not only producing plants that are true to name, but of the very highest quality, the satisfaction of my customers has made both pleasant and kindly disposed one towards the other. It is indeed a pleasure to know that I have among my customers those who buy their plants of me year after year. The soil here is ideal for producing plants of the very highest quality. My plants are A No. 1. This is a berry district surpassed by none.

My plants are propogated from the very healthiest and strongest plants which are sought after by growers North, East, South and West. All plants will be taken from young beds set last spring. We never take plants from old beds.

Strawberries are fruit for big profits on small space and have been known to pay from \$600 to \$1,000 per acre profit.

It is acknowledged that the strawberry is the king of small fruits, and it is at home everywhere. No gardener should fail to have some. It has become one of the most profitable branches of farming. The demand for fruit continues to grow and there is not any danger of the business being overcone.

My plants are grown from plants that are not allowed to fruit. 1 have the blossoms removed as they appear, hence the vigor is retained which produces strong, healthy plants that live and produce large crops of big, red berries.

My plants are all fresh dug at time of shipping, as I do not dig until ordered. In digging I take up the entire row, discarding the mother plant, and such as are not well rooted, and nothing but fine, healthy, live plants, true to name, are sent out.

Plants are protected from wind and sun, trimmed and tied in bunches of twenty-five, and carefully labelled.

The Bubach and Glen Mary plants, are double the size of Senator Dunlap or Warfield and some other kinds. If you are not acquainted with a variety do not condem it on this account. These small plants will grow and produce fine crops of choice fruit.

I have, by test running over thirty-five years, proven conclusively that soil and climate conditions at points only a few miles distant change the characteristics of the strawberry to a great degree, hence the necessity for a strictly personal test on one's own soil as to what variety will do best.

Description of Varieties

Klondyke Of Southern origin and a standard berry. Productive, firm, brilliantly colored and famous in all markets as a shipper. It is so firm that it is used as a reshipper. A great plant maker; blossoms perfect. It has been planted very extensively for the past few years and it is growing more popular every day.

Superior. This variety has become quite popular in Delaware, Maryland, Virginia and North Carolina. The plants are strong, healthy growers, with dark green foliage, and do well in almost any soil. It is a great plant maker, and should be kept thin and planted a good distance apart. It bears an immense load of berries, medium in size, bright glossy red, firm and a good keeper. Ripens about one week after Excelsior, and continues bearing until mid-summer.

Abington. This berry was originated by Mr. Blanchard of Massachusetts, who says it is a berry to take the place of Bubach. It is a better plant maker; the blossom is perfect and hardy; it sends up more fruit stalks and more fruit on each stalk, and ripens in same season. Give it a trial.

Lady Thompson. This is a great Southern berry, and is grown largely in the Southern states for market. It makes strong, healthy plants that produce large crops of medium large berries.

Ewell's Early. I find it very productive of early, medium to large berries. It is a strong grower, as early as Excelsior, with larger fruit and more productive.

Excelsior. Medium size, very productive and firm, and ships well. Not so popular for the home garden owing to its extreme tart, but the fruit is highly colored and flavored, and when fully ripe, are of excellent quality. The standard for earliness by which all others are compared.

Kellogg's Prize. This is a pistillate variety and is claimed to cover a long season. The originator describes it as follows: "Kellogg's Prize continued to bear a little later than the Sample and Stevens' Late Champion, and was the last to be found on the vines. It was the remark of some of my customers that they did not know that Strawberries grew so large. If the public knew of the value of this variety the demand for plants could not be supplied. The berry is very highly colored, with golden seeds, the rich color extending to the center; flavor delicious, the cap is ample and in harmony with the size of the berries."

Oswego. Midseason. Large, firm, productive, and a reliable market berry; excellent quality.

Climax. Early, has been widely planted, and has given the best of results; it is exceedingly productive and has a long season; fruit very large, red in color to the center.

Chipman. Originated in Sussex county, Delaware, by a grower of thirty years' experience in strawberry growing. The plants are strong, upright, large and healthy growers. The fruit is very large and early. Foliage tall, broad, bright, glossy green, that has never shown any sign of rust or disease. It has a strong, perfect blossom, and is a good variety to plant with pistillate varieties. It has a large green cap of even size and shape, succeeds well in light or heavy soil, and it is predicted that it will soon become one of the leading commercial varieties.

Maples Early I introduced this variety in the spring of 1911. It is indeed a great commercial berry. It is early very productive and a good plant maker of medium large plants. Berries large and attractive; noted for its firmness; color a dark red all through with an exceptional hard core; single cap, medium long and round. Season of ripening with Klondyke. The main feature of this great berry is when you pick it three times you have the whole crop. It ripens very early from the blossom. The bearing stems are large which holds the fruit off the ground; blossoms rich in pollen and perfect to plant with pistillate varieties. Plant a beautiful green and makes a splendid foliage which never shows any sign of rust.

Pride of Michigan. Midseason. Produces immense crops of very large berries on almost any soil, and in any climate that will produce corn.

Pride of Cumberland. Originated in Cumberland county, New Jersey, about twelve years ago. It took first premium over all other varieties at the Strawberry Fair in Vineland, N. J., where it was greatly admired for its large and uniform size, resembling the Gandy. Compared with the Gandy it is a week or more earlier in ripening, of the same large size and regular shape, with large cap and deep red color, that makes it very showy in appearance, and is unexcelled for shipping. The blossom is perfect; the plant is vigorous, free from rust and remarkably productive. Pride of Cumberland is the plant for business. Most of all the fruit is held off the ground by strong bearing stems, which is very much in its favor. My plants are fine.

Haverland. An old standard variety, which seems to do well everywhere. It never rusts or shows any blight. It is enormously productive. It should be mulched, as the fruit stems are not able to hold the fruit off the ground. It has an imperfect blossom, but is easy to fertilize; a good plant maker; berries long and conical and even shape. If you are in doubt as to what to plant, try some of these.

Rewastico. The Rewastico is a highly colored, large cardinal red berry, and the color penetrates through and through; it is very productive, and in size is uniformly large; it is as perfect and uniform in shape as if turned out of a mould. It makes an abundance of strong healthy plants with vigorous dark green foliage. The berry is rich, with an aromatic Strawberry flavor, though somewhat tart, but firm enough to make a popular market shipper. A very prominent grower says he considers it the only real competitor the Chesapeake has ever had, and in some respects it even surpasses it.

Tennessee Prolific. A fine, healthy plant, that is well known and extensively planted to fertilize Bubach, Sample and other imperfect varieties. Always productive; quality fair. Under fair treatment, it produces fine, large fruit—a good berry for a short haul to market.

Gandy. This plant is well known all over the United States and Canada. This is the standard of late varieties all over the country, and probably no higher compliment could be paid the variety than that all other late varieties are compared by it. It should be planted in dark loamy soil, if possible; otherwise, in chocolate or clay, or sandy mixed soil of a springy nature—never in dry, sandy land. It will not thrive in light, sandy soil. We have an excellent crop of very fine plants this season, and think we can please you if you are looking for a late variety, and would be pleased to receive your order.

Mascot. Seedling of Sharpless and Gandy plants. Healthy and strong grower and free from disease. It will bear two berries to Gandy one and is of large size. Berries dark red; season of ripening, few days earlier than Gandy, firm and a good shipper. A great berry. No berry grower should be without it.

Stevens Late Champion. In plant growth this variety resembles the Gandy, except that it has a heavier and shorter fruit stem and is a much better plant maker. Healthy, vigorous and long rooted, nearly an ideal plant, and three times as productive as the Gandy. Fruit large and dark red in color; uniform in shape and size; very high in quality. This variety, with us, has proved to be as late in ripening as Gandy, and will prove a money-maker for those who want a late berry.

Aroma. This is a great Southern berry, especially Tennessee. It surely has the right name, for the flavor is beyond comparison, it is surely aromatic. Good plant maker. Very firm for long distance shipping; large roundish. Color deep red, which extends clear through. Late as Gandy but a better berry to my way of thinking. I have a fine lot of plants of this variety. As a table berry it cannot be excelled.

New York. If you want to become famous in the strawberry market, get some of our New York plants. They originated in the state of New York by Miss Yates. The berries are large, rather thick and of a bright red color. They are strictly fancy. Small berries, or berries of an inferior quality, can find no sale, no matter how cheap they are offered, beside the New York variety. The quality is excellent. They are very productive and have a large green cap, which stands up properly. The foliage is light green, with glossy surface leaves. The plant is large and very productive. A seedling of the Bubach and Jessie varieties. We have a large demand for the plant all over the country, wherever it is known. The berries have sold readily for 13 cents per quart in the Philadelphia market, when other varieties were slow at 5 and 7 cents.

Marshall. This is a great fancy berry for market. Plants large and strong; fruit of the richest flavor. It is a strictly fancy berry, of perfect shape dark crimson when fully ripe; quality excellent. Fourteen berries have been known to fill a quart basket.

Warfield. A well known standard variety; berries above medium size; medium early. Its great beauty, firmness and good flavor make it exceedingly popular, especially in the West. Productive and vigorous, good plant maker.

Helen Davis. Fruited here last season and it gave us a good crop of large, dark red berries of excellent quality. It has been thoroughly tested on all kinds of soil for several seasons and has never failed to produce a large crop of extra large berries when other well known varieties were almost an entire failure. It is not easily killed by frost and the fruit is produced in clusters on large, strong, fruit stalks, is perfectly formed, of large size, red to the center and of a highly delicious flavor unknown to any other variety.

McKinley. Unrivalled as a strawberry of high quality. Berries large, handsome and freely produced on strong, healthy plants. Ripens in mid-season and is too tender in texture to endure shipment. It is preeminently a variety for the home garden.

Michel's Early. Extra bright scarlet, conical—an old and popular variety and an excellent table berry of good flavor. Those who have a garden and want a few for eating purposes will do well to try it.

Glen Mary. A variety that is popular throughout New England and the Middle West. The berries are large, showy and of fair quality; immensely productive; good plant maker; deep rooted, resisting drouth; of a long season. Foliage is large, upright in growth, dark green in color, leaves nearly round, with dark, glossy surface; fruit stems large and strong. The berries continue large the whole season.

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Norwood. This plant was originated by L. J. Farmer of Pulaski, N. Y. It is the largest berry known, very firm and more productive than the Marshall. Four berries have been known to fill a quart basket. The plant is adapted to any climate, but is more productive in light sandy loam, or clay and sand mixed with chocolate cast. It does well all over the country. It is a new variety, and one that I can recommend. I have only a limited supply

Gibson. A very productive mid-season variety from Michigan. The plant is a dark green and berries are dark red. A good one, try it.

Bismark. Fruit produced in abundance, outyielding Bubach. Shape obtuse, conical, never coxcombed; the heaviest, most solid berry ever grown or handled. Color bright scarlet, no green tips, very firm, good flavor, season medium to very late, larger in size than Bubach.

Bubach. It still holds its place in the favor of many growers—the leading pistillate variety for market; large, bright, color very evenly—just the size and color that is popular now.

Wilson. An old standard variety. Very productive of medium large berries of good quality. Good plant maker of large plants.

Missionary. Hailed from the South. Plants vigorous, healthy and a strong grower and a great plant maker. Plants medium large, berries large, and hold their size well through the season. Is early, but not quite as early as Excelsior and Hoffman. It is an enormous bearer, firm and a good shipper. It is extensively planted here for market.

Early Ozark. Originated in Missouri—A cross between Aroma and Excelsior. It was in great demand last spring. After seeing this variety fruit I am thoroughly convinced it is a great early berry. Plants large and strong growers. The foliage is very thick and dark green, without a spot of rust or disease, and is exceedingly productive. Fifteen of these berries have been known to fill a quart basket rounding full. My stock of plants is large and exceedingly fine. Please place orders early. I want everybody to give them a trial.

Sample. An old variety that can always be depended upon. It is popular everywhere—a strong grower, with dark green leaves, and a good plant maker. The berries are large, and retain this size until all are gone. Co.or deep red; firm for distant shipping. It has a smooth, glossy appearance, and is one of the largest and most prolific of the medium late varieties. There is always a great demand for plants of this variety.

Lady Corneille. This new Strawberry hails from Louisiana and is destined to become the leading Southern Strawberry and is claimed to be better than the Klondyke which is saying a great deal. The Klondyke for a long time was the leading Southern berry but as soon as the growers become acquainted with the Lady Corneille they will plant it as it is much more productive than the Klondyke and the berry and plant are ideal in every way. The fruit begins to ripen with the Klondyke but continues in bearing longer. The berries are large, rich glossy red, slightly long, uniform in size and shape, with bright golden seeds which add to their beauty. Quality of the best, having the true Strawberry flavor, rich, sweet and delicious, the berries are very firm and one of the best shippers known. This one quality alone would make it a very valuable berry for the grower a long distance from market. The Lady Corneille has the size, color, shape, appearance, firmness and productiveness which we have all been wanting in an early berry.

Fendall. Originated by Chas. E. Fendall, Baltimore county, Maryland. Plant strong, vigorous and healthy; foliage a beautiful light green. It has never shown the slightest blemish in any respect; berries very large and of fine flavor. It is very productive, berries lay in piles around the plant; good plant maker. The berries are beauties, rich in color, smooth and glossy, with long stems and a large showy cap. In 1906 it yielded at the rate of 16,800 quarts per acre. Give it a trial.

Chesapeake. It has been tested all over the country, and is very popular. Plants vigorous and do not rust. Foliage is thick and leathery, upright leaf stems with leaves almost round. The fruit is borne on large stems, the greater portion standing upright, holding the fruit from the ground. It bears more fruit to the single stem than any other variety I know. Blossom is perfect, fruit uniformly large, averaging more than Gandy and more productive, firmer and better quality, without the green tips, colors all over at once. Season of ripening same as Gandy.

Senator Dunlap. I have fruited this variety for several years. It has proven to be one of the best grown, some varieties may surpass it in some respects, but as an all-around berry it has few equals. The berry is adapted to all sections, as it seems to do well everywhere, more so than any other variety. Plants medium in size. A severe drouth seems to affect it much less than other standard varieties. It has a perfect blossom, rich with pollen, to plant with pistillate kinds. Enormously productive. Fruit medium to large, uniform in size, conical shape, bright, glossy red. The meat is a bright red all through, of excellent quality and a good shipper.

Oaks Early. Originated near Marion, Somerset county, Md., several years ago, and for some time only a few of them were planted outside of its home. The originator continued to plant it and made money. Now it has become very popular and is largely planted here for market, as elsewhere. It makes lots of vigorous plants, and is a heavy cropper of medium size berries. Very regular and uniform in size; good shipper; remains firm in wet weather.

Wm. Belt. Originated in Southern Ohio. Among the large size berries, none are more uniform in shape and size than this variety, except the first berries to ripen, which are usually coxcombed. It is very firm and of most excellent quality; color a beautiful glossy crimson. The fruit always brings the highest price in the market. The plant is a good thrifty grower, with strong roots and makes just enough plants for a good matted row, without crowding. It is better in quality, larger in size and is also more productive and a better grower than Bubach. It pays to put this variety on good soil and give good culture.

Ryckman. Awarded highest prize at the Buffalo Exposition in 1901, and has been thoroughly tested since. One of the largest berries; ripens early. It is in the front ranks of strictly big berries. I sell as many or more of this berry than any other variety that I have listed. Try it.

Nick Ohmer. Medium late; a strong, perfect blossom, and productive of rich, dark glossy red berries, colored all the way through; flavor delicious; berries nearly round; a good shipper, and suitable for fancy trade and table use. It is a great favorite in the South.

Success. One of the best and most popular of the midseason varieties. A good one.

Sharpless. Too well known to need any description, except as to its excellency as a table berry.

Clyde. A very large, most wonderfully prolific Strawberry, yields great crops of berries, slightly light in color, foliage sometimes insufficient to protect the berries from the sun, needs good rich soil, does best on moist soil.

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Son's Prolific I purchased this berry in Missouri in the spring of 1912. It originated from Bubach fertilized with Aroma. The parentage is plainly shown in both the plant and berry, very firm and a good shipper; root growth heavy, very fibrous and deep; foliage rich, glossy and in proportion to the heavy root system; runners very stocky and plants set about like Aroma; fruit stems very numerous, long, large and upright. All blossoms mature perfect fruit, berries a darker red than Aroma, large in size and no green tips, ripens all over at once which is very much in its favor. It is predicted that it will supersede the Aroma. I really believe it worthy of trial. I have a fine lot of plants that are true to name, let your order come.

Bethel. Quite popular in some sections while in others it does not give satisfaction. It ripens with the second early varieties and continues in bearing a long time. It makes good plant beds on any soil, yet it does not make as many plants as some varieties but they are of large size with tall, broad, thick foliage and heavy deep roots. It is quite productive of large dark-red firm berries of good quality.

Heritage. Originated in New Jersey and is popular with commercial growers. It does not make as many plants as some varieties but they are extra large with tall, green foliage and succeed on any soil. It ripens medium early and is very productive; large, of even size and shape; color a beautiful crimson and of fine quality. Give it a trial, my plants are fine.

Joe Johnson. This great berry has been grown in Wicomico county, this state several years, but was only introduced to the public last spring. It begins to ripen with the Chesapeake and will bring the grower more money to the acre than this very popular berry. It produces more quarts than the Chesapeake and will make a much better bed of plants. This berry brought the top notch prices on the market last season.

Uncle Jim. The plants of this variety are very large, vigorous and healthy. They mature all their fruit which is of very large size; firm deep red and of the best flavor.

Parsons' Beauty. One that may be depended upon to produce a large crop of fruit every season. The plants are splendid growers on any soil and without a sign of disease. The fruit is large, conical, uniform shape, dark red and fair quality. Largely planted by commercial growers on account of its vigor and productiveness.

Jessie. Jessie ranks among the leaders with growers who want fancy strawberries and whose soil is adapted to its production. Under right conditions it is one of the most satisfactory varieties produced by commercial growers. It is an extra heavy yielder of highest quality fruit and a good pollenizer.

Brandywine. Perfect blossom, medium late. This variety thrives in almost any soil and gives good results. Fruit well colored, bright glossy red, firm, of excellent quality and very productive. It has a bright double cap—an old and reliable variety.

Pride of Somerset. It is as early as Excelsior, good plant maker of large, healthy, deep rooted plants. Is a chance seedling and unlike most other very early varieties it has a long hearing stem which holds the fruit off the ground. Very productive of large berries. A greatfeature of this wonderful variety is that there are very few nmall berries as every blossom matures a large berry, nearly all one size. Color a beautiful red all through, ripens all over at once, no green tips; shape medium long and round; blossom perfect and rich in pollen; cap very large and green which shows off the berry nicely. Has never shown any sign of rust or disease; foliage very heavy, tall and thick. For the past season it excelled all others as an early berry.

Three W's. This berry is a chance seedling, and possesses many points of excellence. The foliage is beautiful, clean and healthy, dark green in color and very attractive. Fruit large, glossy red, and firm, of good quality and very productive; covers a long season—from medium to late. At the St. Louis World's Fair it won the highest prize, and had a record of keeping ten days. My plants are very strong and healthy.

Fall-Bearing Strawberries

It is only within the past few years that a genuine fall bearing Strawberry has been an actual fact even though it has been agitated for several years.

You can set these plants in the early spring and keep the blossoms pruned off until about four weeks before you want ripe fruit and you will be surprised at the nice large, luscious berries you will have from them until it freezes. Just think, nice, large delicious Strawberries for four months in the year. It is a real fact. A few plants will make a small family all the berries they can use. Anyone can grow them and surely anyone can eat them. I have been frequently asked if the fall bearing berries were of good flavor, they most assuredly are. SUPERB and PROGRESSIVE are the 20th Century wonders. Give them a trial.

Progressive. A genuine everbearer. This is without doubt the best of the everbearers. Here the plants are of good size, deep-rooted and make as many plants as most of the standard varieties. On many single plants, without forcing, I have counted at one time from ten to fifteen fruit-stalks, and each fruit-stalk contained from ten to twenty-five green and ripe berries. The fruit is of medium size, dark-red and of extra quality. The young plants begin to bear in about four weeks from setting but to obtain good plant beds the blossoms should be kept cut off, especially during the early part of the season. The runners from the young plants also bear plenty of fruit even before they are rooted. My plants of this variety have made splendid plant-beds and produced plenty of fruit in five months, so if you like fresh berries all summer and fall, plant Progressive as it is all that is claimed for it.

Superb. Another of the fall-bearers. This also has made a splendid bed of large deep-rooted plants, but the young plants do not produce fruit the first season. The second season it produces fruit the same as any other variety and in the fall also produces a full crop. The fruit is large, dark red, good quality.

Hall's Improved Seed Corn

The Kind It Pays The Farmer To Plant

Growers will make no mistake in sending their orders to me, no matter whether they grow corn for show or other purposes. This section is unexcelled for growing Choice seed corn.

I make growing corn for seed, one of my specialties. I fully realize the

importance of growing it to insure a perfect and even stand.

First of all, my crop is allowed to stand in the field, on the stalks until it is ready to be stored. In order that it may have full benefit of wind and sun which is desirably the best method of curing it. When thoroughly cured it is then husked by hand, sorted and stored for the winter. Under this process it is in the best possible condition for spring planting.

When the time comes for shipping seed it is again carefully selected, sorted, examined as to vitality, butt and tip ends are taken off before shelling,

and graded.

We hire all our seed corn shelled by hand. I have found this to be the very best way to have the best seed corn.

The fall here was ideal for maturing corn and I never had better matured seed to send out to my customers. I never had a single complaint of my seed corn not failing to germinate and make good stands. I am very careful not to send out seed that will not germinate 98% and very often more. You should get good seed from a section that was favorable to maturing as this will always insure good stands.

Getting pure seed of a superior quality, possesses a vitality that produces a strong vigorous growth and will produce from 20 to 30 bushels more per acre

than seed of poor quality.

My seed corn is carefully selected in the field with a view of constantly improving the different breeds, in which I succeed admirably well. The difference between the yield of the past and present is remarkable.

During the past seven years more than 10,000 fields of growing corn have been examined and in no year has the average exceeded 72% of a perfect stand. It has been as low as 64%. The average has been 67% or 68% of a stand. Look at the time lost plowing and cultivating land that produces nothing.

Of the many causes contributing to a poor stand, poor seed in the greatest

cause after all.

The cost of a few choice seed is nothing to be compared with the extra yield you will get. The increased yield of one bushel per acre will pay for the seed. We select our seed corn in the field from the very best developed ears.

One bushel of seed will plant from 5 to 6 acres. Our crop was large and fine in quality. All seed corn sold by us is guaranteed to show a germination test of 98%, and to be as represented. If not satisfactory when received it can be returned at once, at my expense and money paid for it will be returned, otherwise it will be mutually considered between buyer and seller that goods are satisfactory.

Seed Corn on Ears can be furnished if wanted, price on application.

A Six-Year Record Of Hall's Wonderful Improved Maryland Twin Corn

Won First Prize at the Dec. 1915 Maryland Corn Show Baltimore, Maryland

It not only won First Prize but surpassed all others in yield; yielding 109 bushels and 20 pounds. It also won First Prize in moisture test. This is the third year in succession the Maryland Twin has captured first prize in the Maryland Corn Show.

I again failed to realize my expectations on the Wonderful Maryland Twin Corn, owing again to another severe drouth during the growing season. was so bad that not one out of ten made one-half of a corn crop. The roots of corn were never wet, this being the case for the past two years, hence, the short crop for 1915. The yield of this corn was at the rate of 75 bushels of shelled corn per acre, without manure or fertilizer of any kind, which is not bad for such an unfavorable year. If I can get a favorable corn growing I expect to realize my ambition to get 125 bushels of shelled corn per Below I give the different yields of this corn with me.. I offered a prize of a certain number of bushels of corn to the party that came the nearest guessing the number of bushels this corn would make in 1910, 1911, 1912 and 1913 and each and every year the prize was awarded to Rev. R. K. Lewis, then the pastor of the M. P. Church at Marion Station, Maryland.

In 1910, it produced 100 bushels of shelled corn per acre; 1911, 96 bushels; 1912, 112% bushels; 1913, 100 bushels; 1914, 75 bushels.

The foliage is abundant, leaves thick, broad and long; makes more fodder, by one third, and of the finest quality than any other variety of corn I have yet seen. Unexcelled for Ensilage. It grows from 10 to 12 feet high and has from 2 to 4 ears on a single stalk. Ears from 7 to 11 inches long. The kernels are a nice, even, size, medium hard, good keeper, an excellent corn for milling -the meal from this corn being of the very finest quality-and unexcelled for making corn flakes of any kind. This corn shells much better than any other variety of corn. The ears have from 12 to 18 rows of deep kernels around a small white cob. It will grow well on light or heavy land. Stalks strong and will mature in 110 to 115 days.

I have been carefully selecting my seed corn in the field before it is gathered, ever since I have been growing the Maryland Twin and I have been astonished at the wonderful improvement this corn has made. The ears run a third longer than when I first got it. It was a little mixed when I got it, with a very small ear that was wonderfully prolific. By carefully selecting the seed I have eliminated this. Anyone purchasing seed of me in the future will find that I have a much finer stock than I have ever had before. This is the most

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beautiful white corn that I ever saw, with a good per cent of the ears 10 inches long. The corn does well South, East and West. I now have the finest lot of seed corn that I have ever had of this variety. The demand is going to be very heavy again this season from the way the inquiries and orders are coming in. To be sure of getting some of this seed corn this spring, you had better send in your order at once.

PRICE: -40c per quart, postpaid; by express or freight, 25c per quart, \$1.00 per peck, \$1.50 per one-half bushel, \$2.50 per bushel, \$4.50 for 2 bushels. Sacks free.

Dear Sir: Barhnmsville, Va., Jan. 8, 16.

The Maryland Twin Seed Corn I purchased of you last spring is all right. We will get about 80 bushels to the acre. Season was not very good and planted very late. I am

Respectfully yours,

Dear Sir.

Emmerton, Va., Dec. 24, 15.

The Maryland Twin Corn I bought of you was not planted until June 10th, which I think was rather late for that corn. I have not busked it yet. I was very much pleased with the amount of forage it produced. I will want some more next spring. Send catalog.

Very truly yours, John O Hanks.

Dear Sir:

Dear Sir: Sandpates, Md., March 25, 15.

Please ship me one bushel of Maryland Twin Corn. The Maryland Twin Corn that I purchased from you two years ago is pronounced good by tenant. I have about one-half bushel saved from shocks had 3 and 4 ears to the stalk. The fodder is good.

Yours truly,

E. Wakeman.

Improved Farmers' Favorite Golden Dent Corn

Light golden color and one of the best varieties of yellow corn ever grown. The cob carries a large amount of corn, the butts and tips are practically well covered with long, broad grains, grows very rapid and makes excellent ensilage. The ears are from 8 to 11 inches long, with 16 to 20 rows. The ears are large, the grain deep and broad. Cob red, medium size, ears are well set, 3 to 31/2 feet above ground. By careful selection we have bred out the barren stalk and a large percentage of the stalks have two ears. This corn, with a favorable season and soil will produce 80 to 100 bushels of shelled corn per acre. Produces a good crop on medium soils. I sold all the seed I had of this variety last season and every customers was satisfied. Don't hesitate to send your orders, for the more you plant of this variety the better you will like it. Matures in 85 to 90 days. Peck, 75c; bu., \$2.50; 2 bu., \$4.50. Sacks free.

Pride of the North

This is the earliest of the Yellow Dent Corn it matures its crop in 80 to 85 days. Ears medium size, very prolific and of best quality. Cob is very small, grains small but deep and of deep orange yellow color. Sure yielder. Peck, \$1.00; bushel, \$3.00.

Snowflake

This is a pure white corn. The stalks make a strong vigorous growth; the ears are very uniform and large size with deep grains, are from 10 to 11 inches in length. It stands the dry weather remarkably well. Not withstanding the very dry season that we had in 1915, we had a large yield from this variety and it produced a fine crop of forage. It matures in 100 days. Peck, \$1.; bu., \$3.

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Thoroughbred Poultry IS THE KIND THAT PAYS

The Ringlet Barred Plymouth Rocks are more sought after and in greater demand than any other one breed or strain of poultry. If you want this breed Hall's Superb Ringlet Barred Rocks will fill the bill. They are mated to produce prize winners. I have spent 16 years looking after this one breed. I had object in view and that was to have a strain of Barred Rocks equal to the best. How well I have succeeded I will refer you to the testimonials found herein.

From experience, I always recommended buying the best. If you want prize winners or stock to improve your flock, let me have your order for stock or eggs. There is no breed that combines as many great qualities as the Ringlet Barred Rock. Rebuild the flock. I have heard people say that the cost of pure breeds is so much greater than it is possible for them to undertake. On the other hand the cost of the flock of pure bred chickens is small compared with their value. Every poultryman can begin right by selecting a few at least of the best birds he can get. The standard bred flock has come to stay; the first and best assurance of success is to start with standard bred birds.

I sell you eggs from my very best matings; shipped in light, strong baskets to go safe at any distance. I ship nice, fresh, well-formed, fertile eggs, and guarantee a satisfactory hatch, when properly handled. When this is not obtained we will duplicate your order at half price. I have not had over one per cent of my orders to duplicate in the 16 years. The reason for this phenomonal success is that the greatest care has been exercised in selecting choice, fertile eggs and packing for a satisfactory hatch. It matters not where you live, send me your order and get a fine hatch and as fine birds as you ever had for double the money. If at anytime you should want any birds and will tell me as near as possible what you want I will ship what I think will suit you, and after receiving them and giving them a rest you are not satisfied, you may send them back to me and I will refund your money, less express charges. You are running no risk of getting what you do not want. I shall in all instances endeavor to give full value for every dollar sent me.

Mrs. M. J. T. Pemca says in the New York Farmer:—"I put off Barred Rocks because the experts said they are only medium or poor layers; I put on White Leghorns because the experts said they were the most prolific egg producers. I got fewer eggs from 150 White Leghorns than I got from 150 Barred Rocks. I have put the Barred Rocks on again and for two years they have averaged more eggs per hen that the White Leghorns, besides the Barred Rocks sell for considerable more money as a table fowl than do the White Leghorns. In all cases my fowls have been pure birds of good strains. Is not it time to boost less of the Leghorns and to boost more of the Rocks?"

I keep only one breed on my home farm, and they are Hall's famous strain of Ringlet Barred Rocks. I have been raising them exclusively for the past 16 years. The other breeds herein described, White Leghorns and Rhode Island are on separate farms. These strains have been bred for heavy laying in the cold winter months when eggs are highest. No baby chicks for sale this spring.

Single C. White Leghorns. This breed is positively the most popular of the special egg producers. The stock I offer is from the best noted strain. Selected eggs, \$1.50 for 15; \$2.50 for 30; \$6.00 per 100.

Single C. Rhode Island Reds. Hardy and viporous, they mature quick, good winter layers, and healthy. This is distinctly an American utility breed. Stock and eggs from the best blood. Selected eggs, \$2.00 per 15; \$3.00 per 30; \$7.00 per 100.

Dear Sir:

Grove, Va., Jan. 30, 15.

Out of the 50 Ringlet Barred Rock eggs you sent this spring I had 35 to hatch. I bave some very nice Cockerels and Pullets that show the Ringlet strain. I was after getting new blood into my flock of Barred Rocks, and the Cockerels are well worth what I spent for the eggs.

Respectfully,

C. H. Hall.

Dear Sir:

Lineville, Pa., March 19, 15.

I liked the Ringlet Barred Rock Cockerel that I purchased from you well; we liked him so well that we kept him over for this season. He is a good, showy fellow, nicely barred, good snappy color, has yellow legs and beak and weighs 9½ pounds. He would be worth \$10.00. I have had chances to trade him, but like him too well, there is nothing better in the neighborhood. Some thought I was paying a fancy price for poultry, but they are now very anxious to get eggs for hatching from me.

Yours truly,

George B. Gehr.

Dear Sir:

Tower City, Pa., March 1, 15.

I received the 6 Ringlet Barred Rock Pullets, which I ordered from you in excellent shape, and beg to say that they are fine. Every person that has seen them, pronounce them the finest they ever saw. Believe me, I am yours respectfully, Eugene Horn.

Dear Sir:

Brown, W. Va., Dec. 8, 15.

The 30 Ringlet Barred Rock eggs I received from you last April hatched fine; out of the 30 eggs I got 25 chickens and raised 10, 5 males and 5 females. They are healthy, well marked, large, strong and beautiful birds. Every one of the Strawberry plants lived, and was more than pleased with both.

Yours truly,

Mrs. A. E. Rogers.

Dear Sir:

Townshend, Md., April 26, 15.

The Ringlet Barred Rock eggs bought of you last year, hatched well and turned out some nice Cockerels and Pullets. Very respectfully, Mrs. Jennie Townsbend.

Dear Sir:

Cape Charles, Va., Dec. 13, 15.

We received the Cockerel and think him a very pretty bird.

Very successfully, Mrs. A. Preston Scott,

Hall's Superb Ringlet Barred Plymouth Rocks



From exhibition stock. I have exhibited different times at the Pocomoke City shows, and have always captured first prize. Barred Plymouth Rocks are my specialty. My birds show careful breeding and true to type of Ringlet ancestors. They are good enough to show anywhere. I improve my stock from year to year from the best blood lines of Ringlet Barred Rocks, to keep up vigor. You need new blood, just such as I can furnish you, to strengthen and build up your flock. My birds are prolific layers all the year round. They have perfect health, shape and color. My customers testify to the high quality of my birds. They are the kind that put money in your pockets. My mateings this year are the best I ever

had. I will put them together and compare them with the best in the land. You cannot get better stock than I will furnish you for double the price I charge. No other breed so large and handsome nor easier to rear, will lay all the year along if given the proper care and attention. They are more profitable as a market breed than any other and as a table fowl they are unexcelled. They thrive anywhere and make plump bodies in eight or ten weeks. My birds have conditional vigor, health and stamina. My motto: "First Quality then Quantity. The beauty of a Bird is what we see. My birds have wonderful narrow even barring from head to tip. Right Blue Color which is considered ideal and carries with it sound qualities and proper barring. My cockerels show very fine straight barring, well spaced and cleanly barred surface, grand and even head combs and eyes fine. I am proud of my birds; they are Ideal Barred Rocks, type and shape. By keeping the one breed, they have full range on the farm, therefore they are vigorous and healthy. While show birds have been my first consideration, breeding utility qualities have not been neglected. They are excellent layers of rich large eggs. My birds are shaped well, with good length of back, breast deep, forms compact, combs small and finely set, legs of a bright yellow. At maturity the cockerels weigh from 9 to 11 pouncs, hens from 7 to 9 pounds. They have been culled until nothing remains but typical specimens of the breed. I have secured a fine type, large size and display of vigor, sometimes lacking in Thoroughbred Stock. It is better to buy a setting of eggs from a yard in which all of the birds are of excellent quality rather than from a yard in which one or two of the birds are of phenomonal merit. Get eggs this spring to raise prize winners for next winters shows, Price of eggs: \$2.50 for 15; \$4.00 for 30; \$5.00 for 50; \$10.00 for 100.

What Everybody Says Must Be So. Read For Yourself

Dear Sir:

Warren, Pa., Dec. 18, 1915.

I can say to you that I received the pair of birds, one Ringlet Barred Rock Cockerel and one Pullet. They arrived O. K., and am more than pleased with them. The Cockerel is a beauty; I would not take double the price I paid for him. Thanks for your honesty. Yours respectfully,

A. J. Horack.

Dear Sir:

Smithfield, W. Va., Feb. 19, 1915.

The Barred Rock Cockerel arrived all O. K. I am well pleased with him, he is a fine bird. Please send price on yearling hens.

Yours truly,

M. L. Fondyce.

Dear Sir:

Dover, Del., Dec. 12, 1914.

I was well pleased with the 6 Ringlet Barred Rock Cockerels I bought of you last January. My young birds from the Cockerels are fine and I am well pleased. Will probably want eggs in spring. Respectfully,

Mrs. W. H. Marvel.

Dear Sir:

Dover, Del., Dec. 17, 1915.

The 30 Ringlet Barred Rock eggs I got from you this spring, hatched fine. I have 23 live chickens, all strong and nice. I will want more eggs in the spring.

I am very respectfully,

Mrs. W. H. Marvel.

Dear Sir:

Manchester, N. H., March 1, 1915.

The Ringlet Barred Rock Cockerel was received from you last Saturday. He certainly is a fine tird to breed from, and you are some man to treat me so square in this deal.

Yours truly,

Alice M. Ganthier.

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Dear Sir:

Tacoma, Va., Nov. 25, 1915.

The two Ringlet Barred Rock Cockerels came in fine shape. They are certainly two of the finest birds I have ever seen. I thank you for sending me such good ones, the barring is as good as the best. Send me your catalog for 1916 as soon as ready.

Yours very truly,

E. E. Horne.

Dear Sir:

Athens, Pa, Jan. 4, 1916.

I received the Ringlet Barred Rock Cockerels and the two Pullets O. K. they are fine and I am well pleased with them, the Cockerel is a beauty and so are the Pullets. Thanking you very much for them. I am thinking of sending for some eggs in the spring. I have the full blood Rocks but I don't think they are so large.

J remain as ever, Mrs. Wm. Birney.

ASPARAGUS ROOTS

500,000 Strong Rooted, One and Two Year Plants For Sale.

Conover's Collossal. Large, rapid grower, productive and of very fine quality

Palmetto. Of Southern origin; a variety of excellent quality, hardy, very large. All who have used it pronounce it very fine.

Giant Argenteuil. This variety is largely grown in France, and has become adapted to our soil and climate, is noted for its earliness, productiveness and immense size of stalks. Remarkably healthy.

Barr's Mammoth. Early and very large; makes a rapid growth. A general favorite.

PRICES: One year, 100 50c; 1000 \$2.75. Two year, 100 80c; 1000 \$3.50.

Prices on application for smaller or larger lots than quoted above.

My plants are extra large. Samples will be sent if requested.

Big Asparagus From Whittman, Maryland

Specimems of big asparagus that were raised by John T. Howeth on his farm at Whittman, Maryland, were sent to the Sun office by him yesterday. The largest of the stocks measured about fourteen inches in length and about one and one-half inches in diameter at the solid end.

The above article appeared in the morning Sun of Baltimore, May 14, 1915. The roots were bought of John W. Hall, Marion Station, Maryland, and were the Palmetto variety. If any person that receives this catalog has grown larger asparagus than Mr. Howeth we would be pleased to hear from them. It does not matter of whom you bought the plants.

GIANT HIMALAYA BERRY FRUITS FOR FOUR MONTHS

This wonderful berry which is sometimes called Grape-Vine Berry was recently introduced from the cold regions of the Himalaya Mountains. There are several different forms of it, but this one seems to be the only one of genuine value. It grows like a grape vine, making a growth of twenty-five feet, and can be trained to a trellis of any kind. It looks handsome on an arbor in the garden, back yard or in the lawn, forming a great bush or weeping tree that is a beautiful sight when in bloom with its shell pink blossoms.

Price of strong, well-rooted plants, 25 cts. each; 3 for 50 cts.; 10 for \$1.00.